

Trees on Maine Street

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New District Foresters join the Maine Forest Service

AUGUSTA – The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Maine Forest Service recently hired two new District Foresters to serve the people of Washington, Hancock, and Penobscot Counties. Terri Coolong (Old Town) and Sandy Walczyk (Jonesboro) bring a wealth of experience to the Maine Forest Service and are expected to contribute to the agency's efforts to promote active management of Maine's woodlands.



Terri Coolong, MFS photo

Coolong comes to the Maine Forest Service after working 14 years with the Department's Bureau of Parks and Lands (BPL), and an even longer private sector career. She most recently worked in BPL's downeast district from Amity to Cutler and west to the Machias River. In addition to being licensed foresters, Terri and her husband Roger are both licensed land surveyors and own Coolong Land Surveys, Inc. in Lincoln. She graduated with Highest Distinction in 1983 from UMaine with a degree in Forest Engineering.

Walczyk attended College of the Atlantic for her undergraduate degree, where she studied wildlife biology and conservation policy. Upon graduation, she worked as a wildlife technician on a variety of research projects for several years. After several years of concentrating on wildlife biology, she began to see forestry as a more direct way to impact natural resources management. Walczyk graduated from UMaine with a Masters of Forestry in 2012 as a member of Xi Sigma Pi, the Forestry Honor Society. She worked for Seven Islands Land Company in northern Maine, then returned to work as a consulting forester in Hancock and Washington Counties.



Sandy Walczyk, MFS photo

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Maine Forest Service District Foresters provide a variety of services to Maine people. Their duties include providing technical assistance, information and education to woodland owners, loggers and foresters; offering workshops on forest-related topics to students from K-12 and into college; and helping people comply with the state's forestry rules.

"We're very pleased to be able to place qualified foresters into these positions," State Forester Doug Denico said. "We look forward to Terri and Sandy providing services to areas that have been underserved for some time."

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News and Updates

Super Bowl Initiative Helps Advance Phoenix Urban Forest

Phoenix, AZ (January 10, 2015) — A total of 170 trees will be planted across the Phoenix area as part of the 10th anniversary of urban forestry at Super Bowl. This past week, the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee and local volunteers teamed up to plant 35 new trees at a Phoenix park as part of the initiative to make the city greener in time for the big game.

The tree plantings are part of an overall greening strategy for Super Bowl, which also leaves a green legacy.

First up to receive new trees was Paradise Cove Park, which was hit with a microburst during the last monsoon season, destroying nearly 40 of the trees planted around the area.

Paradise Cove is one of five parks receiving new vegetation. Local volunteers showed up in pairs to help plant the variety of trees, which included pine, acacia, elm, pistache and sissoo trees.

Experienced volunteers were on hand to help with some of the heavier lifting, and to offer advice about the best way to care for the trees to make sure they last well into the future.

"This is the easy part," volunteer Lynn Marks said. "The hard part will be maintaining them for the next 50 years...but it can be done."

The city of Phoenix has a goal of 25 percent canopy coverage by 2030 from both trees and structures. Though emphasis is on shade, trees offer many more benefits.

Currently the city is anywhere from 9 to 12 percent throughout the city and that ranges from seven in some areas to 17 in others. The average return on investment for a medium-size mature tree in the Valley is \$2.23 for every \$1 expended. - <http://actrees.org/news/trees-in-the-news/newsroom/super-bowl-initiative-helps-advance-phoenix-urban-forest/>

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To read the latest Forests for Maine's Future Newsletter

<http://www.forestsforsmainesfuture.org/new-from-the-woods/>

REVISED: 2014 Tax Tips Bulletin

Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist with the U.S. Forest Service, has revised [Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2014 Tax Year](#). The revisions reflect changes in law as of December 2014.

This publication reviews the major Federal income tax laws to help you file your 2014 income tax return. Although tax laws on timber transactions are not common knowledge, they are an important part of the ongoing cost of owning and managing timber, engaging in forest stewardship activities, and complying with tax law.



Portland's Urban Forests—A Profile in Woodland Stewardship Video

This is about the urban forests in Portland, Maine. Highlights are on the educational and recreational opportunities within Maine's "Forest City". Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBQvtMs-Nrw>



"Go to the winter woods: listen there, look, watch, and "the dead months" will give you a subtler secret than any you have yet found in the forest."

- Fiona Macleod, *Where the Forest Murmurs*

*"The flowers of late winter and early spring
occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion
to their size."
- Gertrude S. Wister*

Get the FREE About My Woods App Today!

About My Woods, a free smartphone app, is now available for download. Woodland owners in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York now have a new tool to help learn about their woods.

Available for both Android and iPhones (and tablets), you can access the app by going to the App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android) and simply typing "About My Woods" in the search bar. Or, click on the images below and you'll head right to the appropriate page.



Get it Today

Please download the app and start using it today. We think you'll find it a great resource, and as an early user we ask a few things:

- Please share this article widely with anyone who might have an interest in woodland stewardship and forestry. While designed for landowners, the app has value for foresters, loggers, hikers, teachers and students... anyone that wants to know more about the forest!
- Let us know what you think. This is version 1.0, and we are already looking for ways to improve the app – we welcome your questions and feedback at aboutmywoods@inrsllc.com. If you find the app useful, please consider leaving a positive review at the App Store or Play Store – good reviews help us reach more users.
- The app is also available in a web-based form at www.aboutmywoods.org. Users can browse a map page, pinpoint a particular woods location, and click to discover interesting things about trees, birds, plants and other stuff in the area.

Did you know you can always find the Forest & Shade Tree - Insect & Disease Conditions for Maine online? Visit http://maine.gov/dacf/mfs/publications/condition_reports.html

While the app is currently focused on New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, we're exploring ways to expand the app to other states and regions. Please feel free to share this beyond the 4-state region – and let us know where we should look to bring the app to more landowners.

About the App

Developed to help family forest landowners learn more about their land and connect to professionals who can help them, About My Woods is a great way to connect with the information that landowners need.

One of the unique features of the app is the ability of a landowner to pinpoint a spot on the map – either where they are located or any other spot in the region – and access maps and information specific to that location.

Maps include soils, land cover type, watershed and satellite view, providing users with instant and mobile access to information specific to individual parcels and locations. With complete coverage in the four state region, landowners can access maps specific to their interests.

In addition to maps, the About My Woods app helps find local professionals – including state forestry educators, landowner organizations, Tree Farm committees, and land trusts active in the region.

Users are also able to use the app to identify common wildlife, trees, wildflowers, and invasive plants and insects. High-quality photos, coupled with in-depth descriptions, provide the user with an indispensable tool for understanding their woods.



*"There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the forest clothed to its very hollows in snow. It is the still ecstasy of nature, wherein every spray, every blade of grass, every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig, is clad with radiance."
- William Sharp*

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Community Wrap-up

Urban Wood Utilization in Connecticut

Wood from urban trees is often underused, with the disposal of this wood seen mostly as an expense. Yet, there are plenty of alternatives for urban wood use that can be cost-effective and have environmental and economic benefits for the community.

Wood removed from streets and parks can be used as:

- A source of lumber for high-value wood products
- The raw material for mulch
- A prime source for energy

Below is a series of webpages that provide an overview of the potential use of urban wood in Connecticut. These webpages complement a written document entitled "The Use of Wood from Urban and Municipal Trees". Printed versions of this document are available through the DEEP Division of Forestry.

[Reasons for the Removal of Urban Trees](#)

[Benefits of Urban Wood Utilization](#)

[Urban Wood for Energy](#)

[Urban Wood as Firewood](#)

[Wood Chips to Support Environmental Efforts and](#)

[Education in Connecticut - The Hotchkiss School](#)

[Wood Chips for Sustainable Year-Round Farming in](#)

[Connecticut - Geremia Farms](#)

[Wood Particles: Introduction](#)

[Solid Sawn Wood from Urban Trees: Problems and](#)

[Potential Solutions](#)

[Solid Sawn Wood from Urban Trees: Character Wood](#)



Upper row: (Left to right) Removal of urban trees; Colored wood mulch - Supreme Forest Products, Southington, CT; Sculpture by artist Susan Clinard made with wood from the emblematic Lincoln Oak that fell down during Tropical Storm Sandy (2012) on the New Haven Green.

Lower row: (Left to right) Bowl made with wood from an elm tree removed at Battell Chapel, Yale University Campus, New Haven, CT (Photo courtesy Yale Bowls); Trestle table with benches made with wood from an urban elm in Glastonbury, CT (Photo courtesy City Bench); Flooring boards at Moore's Sawmill, Bloomfield, CT.

*"Winter dawn is the color of metal,
The trees stiffen into place like burnt nerves."
- Sylvia Plath, Waking in Winter*

2014 MAA Tree Climbing Competition at Deering Oaks Park:

Andrew Putnam – 1st

Tyler Stock – 2nd

Tom Schutz – 3rd

Travis Hamilton-Top Maine Competitor

Brian Sullivan – Spirit of the Competition



Left to Right: Andrew Putnam, Tyler Stock, Travis Hamilton, Tom Schutz MAA photo.

January:

17 Low-impact timber harvesting equipment demo – Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson

21 MELNA/MAA joint trade show, Augusta Civic Center.

22 EAB Woodlot Management for Foresters, Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury, NH www.nhbugs.org

23 Understanding Maine's Tree Growth Property Tax Law

- [Belfast](#)

30 EAB and Community Planning, Conservation Center, Concord, NH www.nhbugs.org

February:

4-6 NEGrows, Boston Convention Center

14 Animal Tracking Alfred Conservation Commission - Massabesic Experimental Forest, Alfred

24-27 ASCA Consulting Academy, Boston, MA

"There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues."

- Hal Borland

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